

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Civil Supplies – Policy for procurement of Paddy– Kharif Marketing Season 2015-16 – Orders – Issued.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (CS.I-CCS) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 17

Dated: 16/10/2015
Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No. 11 CA, F & CS (CS.I) Dept. dated 17.10.2014.
2. Lr.F.No. 6(1)/2007-Py.III dated 20.2.2015 of the Joint Secretary (Policy & FCI), Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Dept of Food and Public Distribution, New Delhi.
3. G.O.Rt.No. 79, CA, F & CS (CS.I-CCS) Dept. dated 21.7.2015.
4. CCS ref.No.PI(1)/955/2015, dated 5.10.2015.

Order:

In the G.O. first read above, the procurement policy for KMS 2014-15 was communicated.

2. In the letter second read above, the Government of India had informed that with a view to ensure payment of remunerative prices to farmers at MSP or above and to improve outreach of procurement system to the farm gate for their better coverage, it was decided that the State Governments should not impose any levy on rice from the millers with effect from 1st October, 2015; all the State Governments where the percentage of levy imposed is upto 25% at present on standing basis, shall take action to immediately amend their levy orders to ensure that no levy is imposed from 1st October 2015.
3. With the decision of the Government of India to dispense with the levy system from 1st October, 2015, there shall be a need for purchase of higher quantity of paddy by the State Government under MSP operations.
4. In view of zero mill levy from KMS 2015-16, it becomes necessary for the State Government to make arrangements for procurement of about 40 lakh MT of paddy in KMS 2015-16 (about 15 to 20 lakh MT in Kharif and 20 to 25 lakh MT in Rabi). This is only a tentative indication and if more paddy arrives into the purchase centres, it shall be accepted by the Purchase centres, without limiting it to the tentative target indicated. The paddy thus procured shall be got custom milled, utilized for PDS as per the allotment from central pool by the Government of India and make available boiled rice to the FCI.
5. Till 2014-15 KMS, the procurement of paddy has been done by the Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. through IKP, PACS, DCMS etc.
6. The zero levy on rice necessitated adequate arrangements to be made for procurement of paddy during 2015-16 KMS so that the farmers are assured of MSP as fixed for the KMS 2015-16. This needs more purchase centres to be opened, more equipment and infrastructure to be provided and augmentation of staff for verifying the quality aspects of paddy and rice to be procured.
7. Government after careful consideration of the above, order the following:
 - 1) MSP for paddy for KMS 2015-16 is Rs.1450 per quintal for Grade A and Rs.1410 per quintal for Common.
 - 2) Paddy purchases from the farmers at MSP shall be made by the Telangana State Civil Supplies Corporation through IKP, PACS, DCMS etc.

- 3) Wide publicity shall be given about the MSP, specifications of paddy, need to bring paddy of specifications to avoid rejection, location of purchase centres etc. for information of the farmers.
- 4) Joint Collectors shall, well in advance of the season. assess the likely production in the area and accordingly identify the purchase centres for locating them. Purchase centres should be located at a convenient place to facilitate farmers to come and deliver the paddy.
- 5) Purchase centres shall be got opened by the IKP, PACS, DCMS etc. based on the harvesting and arrival of paddy in the district/locality.
- 6) Depending upon the need and the distance to be covered by the farmers, the purchase centres can be opened in the mill premises by the IKP, PACS etc. and they shall be operated by themselves only.
- 7) In case any of the groups does not come forward, alternative arrangements for utilizing the services of Markfed and also by inducting any other cooperative societies shall be considered subject to their capability in handling MSP operations.
- 8) Since e-accounting is contemplated, each purchase centre should have a desk top/tablet along with a printer. In respect of purchase centres who do not have desk top/tablet and printer, such centres would be provided with tablet and printer, the cost of which will be recovered from them from the bills payable in easy installments during Kharif Marketing season 2015-16.
- 9) Purchase centres should take action to provide the required basic facilities like shelter, drinking water, wash room etc.
- 10) If the facilities are not provided by the groups like IKP etc. at purchase centres, such facilities will be provided by the Civil Supplies Corporation and the expenditure will be deducted from the commission bills payable to them in easy installments.
- 11) Necessary equipment like paddy cleaners, winnowing machines, moisture meters, sieves, tarpaulins etc. should be positioned in the purchase centres.
- 12) Required number of gunnies etc. shall be available at the purchase centres.
- 13) Data base of all the farmers, along with their Bank accounts, should be obtained and pre-populated at the purchase centre.
- 14) If any farmer does not have any bank account, he shall be advised to get the Bank account opened immediately.
- 15) Payment of value of paddy at MSP shall be done on line to the Bank account of the farmer within 48 hours from the time of receipt of the stocks.
- 16) The paddy which conforms to the uniform specifications prescribed by the Government of India as communicated vide reference fourth cited and offered by the farmers at the purchase centres, shall be accepted without any rejection.

- 17) There shall be electronic queuing at the purchase centres so that the paddy is accepted on first come first serve basis. In case for any reason e-queuing is not possible, manual queuing may be followed scrupulously.
- 18) In order to ensure smooth disposal of paddy without waiting for long, it may be ensured that schedule for bringing paddy from the villages to the paddy purchase centres may be communicated well in advance.
- 19) Quality check of the paddy at the purchase centre will be done by the Technical Staff of the Civil Supplies Corporation. Check will also be done by a third party to be nominated by the Govt.
- 20) One representative of the rice miller to whom paddy would be handed over for custom milling presents at the purchase centre so as to verify whether the quality is of specifications.
- 21) If any paddy not conforming to specifications is accepted at the purchase centre, the in-charge of the purchase centre shall be held responsible.
- 22) After receipt of paddy, it shall be moved to the rice mills attached to the centres without loss of time.
- 23) In case of any inevitable delay for transporting to rice mills, the stock should be preserved by creating temporary open storage duly following the norms for such storage. As far as possible, stocks of paddy should be moved to the mills immediately after receipt.
- 24) Paddy stocks should be delivered to the rice mill attached keeping in view the conditions of the agreement like taking bank guarantee etc.
- 25) Civil Supplies Corporation shall enter into an agreement with the Rice Millers for doing custom milling of paddy and it shall be responsible for strictly adhering to the conditions of the agreement without giving scope for any flouting of the agreement.
- 26) Rice Millers shall be required to maintain separate account for paddy received, rice and other by-products derived, rice delivered on custom milling etc.
- 27) Civil Supplies Corporation shall be required to take every care for proper accounting of the paddy delivered, rice to be received etc.
- 28) The DSOs and DMs under the guidance of the Joint Collector shall ensure that the custom milled rice for the paddy given to the rice miller (out turn being 67% for raw rice and 68% for boiled rice) is delivered by the rice miller strictly adhering to the time schedule for delivery of custom milled rice.
- 29) Custom milled raw rice shall be delivered at the MLS points/godowns specified by the Civil Supplies Corporation. Boiled rice shall be delivered at the FCI godowns.

- 30) On delivery of the custom milled rice, the millers shall be paid the milling charges etc. as per the agreement.
- 31) Any failure to deliver rice for the paddy taken for custom milling, the rice miller concerned shall be liable for action under the EC Act and Criminal Laws.
- 32) Civil Supplies Corporation shall maintain proper accounting of every transaction right from paddy purchase till acceptance of rice under CMR and any laxity on the part of any official would be viewed seriously and deterrent action would be taken against such officials

8. Commissioner of Civil Supplies shall review from time to time the progress of the purchases of paddy, milling and delivery of CMR rice and issue appropriate instructions pertaining to paddy procurement and CMR delivery.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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To
The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Hyderabad.
The VC & Managing Director, Telangana State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., Hyderabad
All Collectors/All Joint Collectors/All DSOs/All DMs of CS Corporation
The CEO, SERP, Hyderabad.
The Commissioner and Registrar, Coop. Department, Hyderabad.
The GM, FCI, Hyderabad.
Copy to the Secretary to Government of India, Department of Food and Public Distribution, Hyderabad.

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